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Applicant : Thorsten PANNEK et al.  
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**RULE 116 AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on November 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.